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My Dear Sir,

At the request of Mrs & Miss Estlin & several other friends I send you a report of the Conference from my own notes aided by the Sketches (a very abbreviated one, necessarily so, I believe, from the time of publication) in the Empire of Saty last. The Report must speak for itself as to the character of the Conference. I was satisfied with the discussion on the whole. on the Thursday morning & felt that we had really made an advance. P.P. acted right nobly, & I only wish that every member of the Am. A.S.S. had been present to hear his bold manly & outspoken speech. He talked into the Broad Brims & Straight Coats in fine style, & they were compelled to submit. I regretted his proposal in the

afternoon, but the speech was admirable & I cannot wonder, after all that occurred, at his anxiety to put the meeting to the test. The resolution on Am Slavery as drawn up by Chamerovzow & Brown & us on the Wednesday embraced the Am: & the Am: & F.A.S.S., but some of the Com who afterwards came refused to agree with it in that shape, & it was altered to suit their views. We (the friends of the Am A.S.S.) consulted on the Wednesday evening & separated with an understanding all but resolved upon that G.T. (who of course was a party to the arrangement) should move an amendment recognizing the Am: A.S.S., but in concluded to sleep upon it, & come to a final determination on the Thursday morning, ½ an hour before the time of the Conference. G.T. did not, however, make his appearance till ½ an hour after the Conf: had assembled & when the subject was actually before the meeting. He then after a few words

with Stuart in private advised us to fall in with the wishes of the Broad St. Committee. We were thus thrown almost upon our backs at the last moment & when the time for action came, owing to this sudden & unexpected change & to it's being kept from us till the resolution was all but proposed & seconded, we were all undecided what part to take. I could not see if to be right to follow G. S. advice, & the course we took We report will explain to you. The varying & ambiguous course of G. S. distressed poor Pillsbury very much. But this at present between ourselves. I did not be wholly silent in writing to you, but I fail that we do not know enough yet to come to favorable conclusions, & will hope for the best. I was obliged to leave London very soon after the Conference & had therefore no opportunity of conferring

with Wm. T. after the business of the meeting. The Chesons have just embarked in a newspaper speculation, having purchased the Empire, & the last Saturday's number was the first published under their auspices. I am writing at 4 o'Clock on ~~this~~ Saturday morning, not having yet gone to my bed, I must therefore hastily conclude by subscribing myself

My Dear Friend, Ever yours most truly Francis Jackson

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